

**Diagnostics and Therapeutics for Diseases  
Associated with an IL-1 Inflammatory Haplotype**

**Cross-reference to the related application**

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/345,217, filed June 30, 1999, U.S. Patent No. 6,268,142, which claims the benefit of PCT/GB98/01481, filed May 21, 1998, which further claims the benefit of GB Application No. 9711040.7, filed May 29, 1997. The contents of each of these priority applications are specifically incorporated herein.

**1. Background of the Invention**

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment has been made in order to claim the benefit of the earlier filing date of priority applications U.S. Application No. 09/345,217, filed June 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,268,142, PCT/GB98/01481, filed May 21, 1998 and GB Application No. 9711040.7, filed May 29, 1997, and, accordingly, no new matter has been added with this amendment. A marked up copy of the amended header, showing the changes made using underlining and bracketing, is attached to this response.